
CLYDE MUIRSHIEL PARK AUTHORITY



Report to: Joint Committee
On: 11 September 2015

Report
By
Regional Park Manager

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPINAL INJURY SCOTLAND PROGRAMME

1.0 Purpose of Report:

- 1.1 To advise members of the Joint Committee of the outcomes of the Spinal Injury Scotland sports day.

2.0 Recommendation:

- 2.1 That the Park Authority recognises the continued efforts to increase income using the existing staff skill base within the Park and to grow our reputation as centre of excellence for accessible sport.

3.0 Background:

Spinal Injury Scotland is a charity that supports people with spinal injuries once they are discharged from the Queen Elizabeth Spinal Unit in Glasgow. They support people all over Scotland and a primary role is to give their member's information on all opportunities to take part in sport and help facilitate this process. In late 2014 they were awarded £10,000 by Awards for All to run a 40 day activity programme at Castle Semple. The programme has been running for a few months now with great success and feedback from all who have taken part.

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- 3.1 The day was extremely successful with approximately 45 wheelchair users taking part in the range of activities on offer. They were accompanied by various care staff/family and friends making a rough total of 130 people.

The Park staff was supported by members of the spinal injury unit staff, volunteer coaches from the Scottish Canoe Association (who wanted more experience of accessible sport) and 15 members of the team from Digby Brown law firm who were sponsoring the event.

The event was attended by the Minister for Sport and Mental Health Jamie Hepburn, the west area manager for Scottish Disability Sport and the clinical director of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

Sailing, kayaking, canoeing, cycling and power boating were on offer by the Park along with demonstrations of wheel chair rugby, Motability cars, powered off road wheelchairs and legal advice drop in sessions. Feedback on the day was nothing but positive and there a couple of comments below from the sponsors.

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you and your staff for yesterday's activities. I think I speak for all of us when I say what a fantastic team you have there! The day was a huge success and it was great to see so many get involved."

Thanks again
Susan Lawrie
Marketing and Design Executive Digby Brown.

"I'd like to echo Susan's comments. Damian White (one of my colleagues who was driving a mini bus) told me that on the way back one of the patients from the Spinal Injuries Unit became very emotional because the day had made her realise that many of the things that she thought she'd never be able to do again are actually still possible. It had reinvigorated her and given her a new sense of determination."

Regards
Chris Stewart Partner Digby Brown

4.0 Conclusion:

- 4.1 Park services continue to develop to meet client needs in order to improve delivery and attract more business.
- 4.2 The Park continues to work with partners in order to showcase facilities and services to potential clients.
- 4.3 Income generation, where appropriate, will be included when developing and adapting services within the Park.

Contribution to the National Outcomes of Report: SIS Day
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1. We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe	This project will allow the Park to get more clients on the water and should increase income.
2. We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people	
3. We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation	This project may lead to more clients developing their skills.
4. Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens	
5. Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed	This day will promote services and facilities to all children including those with additional needs to access water sports.
6. We live longer, healthier lives	Sporting activity will help contribute to healthier lives.
7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society	This day will lead to more clients accessing.
8. We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk	
9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger	
10. We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	This day may allow access to many more groups.
11. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others	
12. We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations	
13. We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity	This day will enable disadvantaged groups to be able to see the facilities and services available.
14. We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production	
15. Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs	The project directly delivers on this outcome as local people's needs will be accommodated.